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Disease State Having A Molecular
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF May 04, 2004

Sir:

In response to the telephonic interview conducted on October 21, 2004 and the Office Action dated May 04, 2004 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire August 04, 2004, extended 3 months to November 04, 2004, for which a Request for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee is filed herewith, kindly amend the above-entitled application as follows, no new matter is added:

It is noted that claims which were previously withdrawn from consideration have been amended herein; as the instant response also contains a request for rejoining under *Ochiai et al.*

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.